



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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August 16, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE ALL
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR A CONTRACT FOR AS-NEEDED HELICOPTER
MECHANICS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF THE SIKORSKY S-70
FIREHAWK HELICOPTERS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to complete and execute all necessary purchasing documents for a contract for as-needed helicopter mechanics for maintenance and repairs of the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopters for up to six months at a cost not to exceed \$240,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to authorize issuance of a purchase order to provide as-needed contract mechanics for maintenance and repairs of the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopters to meet maintenance requirements during the upcoming fire season.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	BRADBURY	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAKEWOOD	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COMMERCE	GLEN DORA	IRVINDALE	LAWNDALE	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	ROSEMEAD	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE	LOMITA	PARAMOUNT	SAN DIMAS	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
						SANTA CLARITA	WHITTIER

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Recent Board actions will facilitate the hiring of mechanics to fill our current vacancies and we are continuing our aggressive recruitment efforts. However, contract mechanics will be needed from time-to-time during the current fire season to meet the heavy maintenance workload. Use of the contract mechanics to work on our three Firehawk helicopters will enable the District's mechanics to focus their efforts on maintaining our four Bell 412 helicopters. Sikorsky is the original equipment manufacturer and is the only firm that has the capability to immediately provide this service. The Department will advise the Chief Administrative Office when these contract mechanics are utilized.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost of the maintenance and service contract will not exceed \$240,000, which will provide contract mechanics as-needed for the next six months. The District's 2005-06 Adopted Budget has adequate funding for this service, and there is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County Purchasing Agent has a statutory limitation of \$100,000 for Sundry Services; therefore, your Board's approval is necessary to accomplish this critical maintenance requirement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the District to meet our mission to protect life and property in Los Angeles County.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Chief
Materials Management Division
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Michael W. Dyer, Support Services Bureau, at (323) 881-6152.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:mwd

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department
Executive Office